

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 3/11/15, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conference room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Wayne Chouinard, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Corey Rateau, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Cary Conrad, Seth Federspiel John Hurd, Howard Muisse

Members of the Public Present: Ed Starr (Twin Circle Drive)

1. Public Comments. Ed Starr was present to discuss his letter, referred to TAC by the Selectmen, regarding 2 parking spaces on Mill Street approaching Jason. He noted that conditions have changed since TAC's first report on the Jason/Mass/Mill St. intersection, and that the Town should consider removing the 2 parking spaces approaching Mass. Ave. to allow more queuing room for cars going straight and right, especially in the morning. The Working Group will look at this again, to consist of Jeff, Scott, Marjorie and Corey.
2. Administration. Minutes of 2/11/15 meeting were approved unanimously. Correspondence and handouts were reviewed. Melissa reported that she got speed data for Highland/High Haith. Corey will send crash data. Marjorie sent contact list for Safe Routes to Schools.
3. Town Reports.
 - a. The Complete Streets warrant article to accept the program had a hearing with positive response from Selectmen. New meter vendor (IPS) has been chosen for multi-space meters in Town lots.
 - b. Corey reported on AAA training program for safety patrols. Residential parking ban was lifted.
 - c. Wayne reported that Mass. Ave. Rebuild is expected to pick up again in April with sidewalk work starting at Pond Lane. Potholes will be filled in the spring, but major reconstruction will start July 1 when next year's funds become available. Signal replacement at Mass/Mill/Jason Streets is waiting for installation of Opticom.
4. Spy Pond Tennis Courts Report to Selectmen. Melissa thought we should discuss the Woonerf idea with the Boys and Girls Club and Selectmen rather than introduce it here in the report since it is a new concept. Jeff noted that there is no clear recommendation. Scott suggested the Working Group draft a cover letter to go with the report that acknowledges the private way issues and woonerf concept, noting that there is no action expected. Jeff suggested postponing the vote another month since no member of the WG was in attendance.
5. Bike Accommodation Design Matrix. Scott presented a slightly revised version, noting that DPW would like to get it approved before the spring construction season. Motion to adopt bike network and map and design guide, to apply to minor arterials and major collector routes. Voted unanimously. Wayne will forward to the Selectmen.
6. Lake Street. Jeff reported that he and Howard met with the Town Manager to discuss next steps. The Selectmen recommended testing the bike path signal concept. Adam will discuss with Police Chief Ryan testing this and perhaps other alternative solutions, such as blinking light at Brooks with no signal at bike path, which was also mentioned.
7. ABAC Winter Social. Several TAC members attended this March 4 event, whose topic was civility on the bike path. Sentiment was that pedestrians dislike bikers operating at excessive speed, and that bikers dislike unpredictable pedestrian behavior.
8. Highland/High Haith. Melissa got 2014 speed volume data from Howard. 27-29 mph is the average speed, and 35 mph is the 85th percentile speed. An electronic speed sign or fixed sign on bollard might be in order. Corey noted the visibility constraints. The crosswalk may be in a bad place.
9. Jason Street. Wayne will produce a cost estimate for raised speed table at intersection with Brantwood.
10. Safe Routes to School. SRTS Day is in May.

11. Mass. Ave. Crosswalk at Daniels or Richardson. Either location has problems. Wayne thinks perhaps neither is suitable for a crosswalk.
12. Wildwood. Signs have been installed.
13. Crosswalks at bus stops. Howard thought TAC might want to look at this. Scott suggested recasting the issue as that of ensuring safe pedestrian access to bus stops from both sides of the street. This may or may not include crosswalks.
14. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for March: Agenda 3/11/15; Minutes of 2/11/15; Individual Action List 3/11/15; Project List dated 3/11/15.
- Memo to TAC from Marie Krepelka, Board Administrator, Parking on West Side of Mill Street, dated February 25, 2015, and letter from Ed Starr dated February 13, 2015.
- DRAFT Spy Pond Tennis Courts Renovation Working Group, dated February 11, 2015.
- Memo from Wayne Chouinard to TAC dated 3/11/15, Re. TAC Update Items
- DRAFT letter from Wayne Chouinard to Selectmen dated March 11, 2015 Re. Clyde Street Sidewalk Request.
- "Potential Woonerf Application at Spy Pond Park and Boys and Girls Club"